

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME**  
**DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES**  
**NEWS RELEASE**



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**UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 20**  
**EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 2S-20-12**

Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 20 reduces legal gear to one set gillnet per permit, measuring no more than 35 fathoms in length, in the Northern District of Upper Cook Inlet during all regular Monday and Thursday fishing periods until further notice, beginning at 7:00 a.m. on Monday, July 23, 2012.

Susitna River sockeye salmon were found by the Board of Fisheries to be a stock of yield concern. *The Susitna River Sockeye Salmon Action Plan* (SSSAP) was developed to conservatively manage the commercial fishery while research continues to better understand the productivity of this stock. The SSSAP requires the Northern District set gillnet fishery to fish with no more than one set gillnet per permit from July 20 through July 30. If the Department determines that the Susitna River escapement goals will be achieved, the gear restriction may be relaxed by emergency order.

Further announcements concerning the amount of gear that may be used in the Northern District after July 30 will occur later in July.